

Waziristani dialect

Waziristani (Pashto: وزيرستاني), also known as **Wazirwola** (Pashto: وزيرواله, meaning "of the Wazirs"), **Waziri**, **Dawari**, or **Masidwola**, is an east-central Pashto dialect spoken in North Waziristan, South Waziristan, and parts of Bannu and Tank in Pakistan, and in certain adjacent districts of Paktika, Khost and Paktia provinces of Afghanistan.

The Waziristani dialect is almost identical to the dialect spoken around Urgun (eastern Paktika province) and the Bannuchi dialect of Bannu, and somewhat resembles the dialect spoken by Khattaks in Karak. The dialects of Loya Paktia like Zadrani are also very closely related, except that they are of the harsh northern variety.

Waziristani differs significantly in pronunciation and grammar from the standard literary Pashto based on the larger Kandahar, Kabul and Yousafzai dialects. The vowels [a], [ɑ], [u] and [o] of standard Pashto yield [ɑ], [o], [i] and [e] respectively, so [paʃto] becomes [pɑɕte] in Waziristani. A special feature of Waziristani is that the phonemes [ɟ] and [ʂ], along with their voiced counterparts, [ʒ] and [ʐ], have merged into the phonemes [ɕ] and [ʐ], both of which also exist in the nearby Ormuri language of Kaniguram, South Waziristan.^[2] The Pashto alphabet has no symbol for their expression and the regular symbols of ژ and ش may be used.

The standard Pashto word for "boy", "هټک" [haɫək], is rarely heard in Waziristani, instead, "وېرکی" [weɽkai] meaning "little one" is used. The word "ləshki" [ləɕki] is used instead of the standard "لږ" [ləɽ], "a little bit". The pronoun مو (muɽ) or [mung]), meaning "we", is pronounced [miɽ] in Waziristani.

Waziristani, like many other obscure Pashto dialects, is almost never written and its speakers may use standard Pashto as a literary language. Waziristani Pashto is spoken by various tribes, and it is also called *Maseedwola* by the Mahsuds and *Dawarwola* by the Dawari. There are slight differences in pronunciation, for example, the phonemes [t̪s] and [d̪z] can become [s] and [z], or even [t̪ʃ] and [d̪ʒ], depending on the tribe or area the speaker is from.

See also

- Waneci

Notes

- Linguist List (<http://multitree.org/codes/pst-wac>)
- Grammar and Vocabulary of Waziri Pashto (1902) written by John Gordon Lorimer

References

Waziristani	
Waziri, Dawari, Maseedwola	
Native to	Pakistan, Afghanistan
Region	Waziristan
Language family	Indo-European - Indo-Iranian - Iranian - Eastern - Pashto Waziristani
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	<i>None</i> (mis)
Glottolog	waci1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/waci1238) ^[1]

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